

Senate Resolution 712

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Honorable Don Balfour; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Honorable Don Balfour currently serves as president-elect for the National
3 Conference of State Legislatures and will assume the office of president in July of 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, a graduate of Bob Jones University, Senator Balfour was elected to the Georgia
5 State Senate in 1992, representing the wonderful residents of the 9th District; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of this state over the past 16 years, playing a vital
8 role in leadership and making key policy decisions that have affected all citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, a resident of Snellville, Georgia, Senator Balfour holds the powerful
10 responsibility of Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, helping to determine what
11 legislation appears before the Senate body for a vote; and

12 WHEREAS, this proud and devoted member of the Republican Party also serves on the
13 Senate Appropriations, Education and Youth, and Health and Human Services Committees;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he has dedicated over 25 years to the Waffle House, Inc., as an executive and
16 is a member of the executive committees for the Southern Legislative Conference, the
17 Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, and the Council of State Governments; and

18 WHEREAS, as a dedicated member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Senator
19 Balfour was instrumental in the passing of the nation's third-toughest legislation on ethics in
20 2005, and in 2006 he led the charge for the passage of one of the strongest eminent domain
21 laws in the country; and

22 WHEREAS, committed to bringing economic development to Georgia, Senator Balfour
23 serves on the boards of both the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Gwinnett County
24 Chamber of Commerce; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Balfour is united in love and marriage to his wife, Ginny, and they are
26 the proud parents of Trey Balfour, a member of the 48th Brigade of the Army National
27 Guard currently training in Camp Shelby for his upcoming deployment to Afghanistan where
28 he will serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty; and

29 WHEREAS, he has earned the honor, respect, and trust of his colleagues and associates with
30 his consistently thorough consideration of the issues, his integrity and reliability, and his
31 vision and equitable leadership; and it is abundantly fitting and proper that he be
32 appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend the Honorable Don Balfour for his service to the State of Georgia and its citizens
35 and extend their most heartfelt congratulations upon his prestigious upcoming honor of
36 serving as President of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Don Balfour.